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### EARNING CASH

Travis airmen saves Air Force more than 30K earning herself a nice chunk of change.

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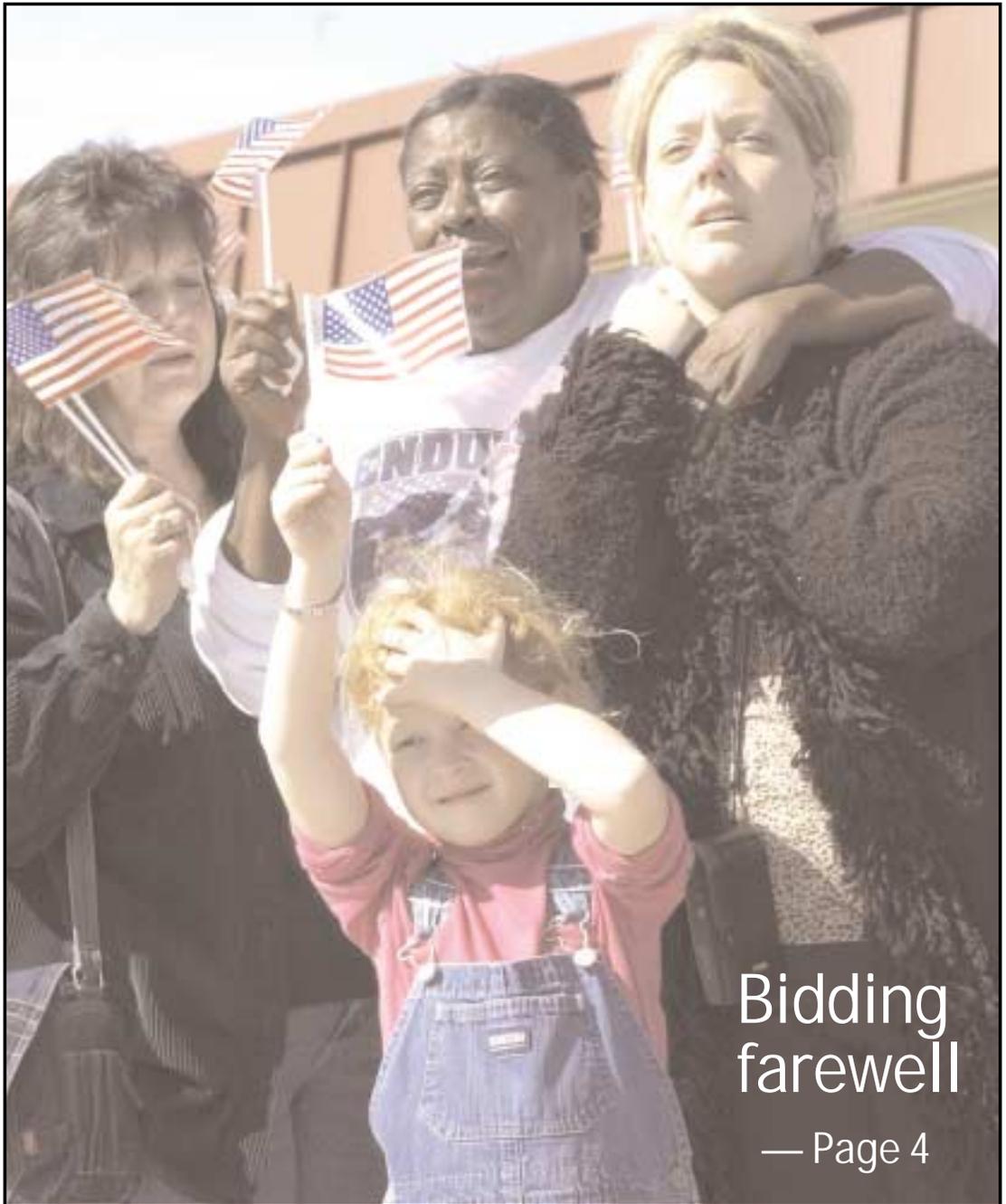
### CHILD PRODIGY

Travis youth flies high and "tears up the track" on motor-cross circuit.

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### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction began on Travis Boulevard this week along the outbound (West) side lanes. This work is projected to take approximately six weeks to complete in both directions. Travis residents should exercise caution while driving through these areas and, at times, can expect some minor delays.



## Bidding farewell

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# Commander's Corner

## AMC commander thanks Air Mobility warriors for extraordinary efforts in war against terrorism

*"Because of you, America's military is positioned and supported to do whatever is required to protect our country, our freedom and our way of life"*



**Gen. John W. Handy**

Commander, U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command

To the Men and Women of Air Mobility Command:

The sun never sets on the mission of the Air Mobility Command, nor does it set on the work of America's air mobility warriors who provide the skill, dedication and plain hard work that it takes to move and sustain military forces halfway around the world.

Our nation is again poised for war against a cruel and threatening regime in Iraq, but we in AMC have been in the thick of battle for months, working incredibly long hours and maintaining an unprecedented pace.

"Outstanding" is inadequate to describe your efforts in the Global War on Terrorism. Every day I meet and talk with mobility heroes — ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Every day I am more amazed at what our team is accomplishing.

Since the initial terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, you have delivered almost a half-million members of the armed forces and a half-million tons of equipment and sustainment into Southwest Asia.

You have flown 4,000 aerial refueling missions for American and coalition aircraft, giving our air forces greater range in our global mission and making good on our promise to deliver vital resources to the warfighters.

Our combatant commanders rely on you to help them honor the pledge of a free people to battle global terror, prevent further harm to Americans, defeat the threat and defend the peace.

You have met every challenge with unwavering professionalism and dedication. When we've had to redirect our operations because of adverse weather or international indecision, you've proven the flexibility of airpower and succeeded beyond all expectations.

We are one team, with one fight — active, Guard, Reserve, civilian, contractor or corporate partner, all have courageously accepted our wartime mission both at home and around the world. And we are able to continue that mission because of the steadfast support of our families. They are heroes as well.

Because of you, America's military is positioned and supported to do whatever is required to protect our country, our freedom and our way of life. Our nation's citizens have placed their confidence in us. We have not and will not let them down. America is proud of you and I humbly share that pride.

My deepest thanks to all of you for what you do for America each and every day.

### ACTION LINE

#### TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

Call the Action Line at 424-3333

#### Q Dorm issue

Dorm 1354 has been out of hot water for three days now and the e-mail I received from our dorm manager states it will not be fixed until next month. Can someone look into our problem and maybe expedite the repairs?



We apologize for the inconvenience. The dorm in question had a water heater problem during a weekend. Our technicians responded and applied a temporary fix as soon as the call was received.

*Our Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning technicians checked the dorm daily to ensure no further interruption of service. The new water heater was purchased and installed in early February. The 60th Civil Engineer Squadron treats all calls in the dorm area with the utmost importance. If you have any similar problems in the future and wish to know the status, feel free to call the 60th CES service call at 424-2575 and they can provide this information.*

#### Q Leash law

I'm calling in regards to a concern that I have about the new nature trail. I just spoke with Security Forces to confirm that there is a leash law for dogs on base. The concern I have is there are several large dogs that are being allowed to run loose on the nature trail. I have small children, and these dogs are coming up to my back fence, and growling.

The fence is very low, because of the hill. Also, what's going on with marshland animals and their habitat, because these dogs are able to run loose all over the areas?



Thank you for your concern. AFI 31-102 mandates that pet owners keep their animals on a leash no longer than eight feet when walking them on base. These pet owners have a responsibility to keep their fellow Travis citizens safe, and to leave our habitat pristine. I encourage you to call the Security Forces Control Center at 424-3293 immediately upon noticing dogs that are off leash. These reports are taken very seriously. Pets who are reported for this can be barred from base after only the second incident, and immediately if any injury occurs. Dog owners who walk their dogs off leash are also liable for any damage to property or personal injury caused by their animals.

### TAILWIND

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#### On the Cover



Sgt. 1st Class Robert Pack / CNG Public Affairs

Family members look on as members of the California National Guard departed here Mar. 12.

**Hit-a-thon**

# Saturday

10 a.m.

After the Travis Little League opening day ceremonies at the Junior/Senior field, across from the Youth Center.

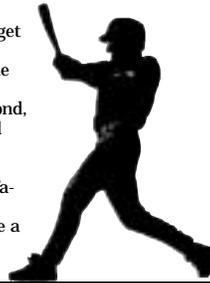
All Travis Little League players can participate. Each participant will get the opportunity to hit off a stationary tee three times.

The grand prize, a bicycle, will be awarded to the player that collects the most pledges and donations.

In each division, T-Ball, Farm, Minor and Major, there will be first, second, and third place prizes as well. Also in each division first, second and third place prizes will be given to the person who hits the ball the farthest.

A team prize will be awarded to the team that collects the most pledges and donations in the League. This team will receive a team party at Godfather's Pizza on base.

All players who collect at least \$25 in pledges and donations will receive a Travis Little League logo baseball.



## FITNESS CENTER CLASSES

### TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

#### Mondays

- » Core cycling from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » Cardio/sculpting from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Introduction to Piyo in the martial arts dojo from noon to 1:30 p.m.
- » Phat Fitness for 12 and older from 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Butts-n-guts kickboxing aerobics from 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Kung Fu San Soo in the martial arts dojo from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Cycling from 7 to 8 p.m.
- » Kickboxing with Dan Stell from 7 to 9 p.m.

#### Tuesdays

- » Core step aerobics from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » Piyo in the martial arts dojo from 6 to 7 a.m.
- » Senior Fitness from 9 to 10 a.m.
- » Core cycling from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Piyo in the martial arts dojo from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » 15th AF squadron cycle from 3 to 4 p.m.
- » MDG squadron cycle from 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics from

5 to 6 p.m.

- » Kickboxing with Dan Stell from 5 to 7 p.m.
- » Core Power Blast from 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Wing Chun in the martial arts dojo from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Cycling from 7 to 8 p.m.

#### Wednesdays

- » Core cycling from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.
- » Yoga from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
- » Gym in a Bag in the martial arts dojo from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Introduction to cycling from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » Phat Fitness for 12 and older from 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Kajukembo in the martial arts dojo from 5 to 6:30 p.m.
- » Kung Fu San Soo in the martial arts dojo from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Cycling from 7 to 8 p.m.
- » Kickboxing with Dan Stell from 7 to 9 p.m.

#### Thursdays

- » Core step aerobics from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.

- » Piyo in the martial arts dojo from 6 to 7 a.m.
- » Senior Fitness from 9 to 10 a.m.
- » Core cycling from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Yoga in the martial arts dojo from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
- » 15th AF squadron cycle from 3 to 4 p.m.
- » MDG squadron cycle from 4 to 5 p.m.
- » Core cycling from 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Power Blast from 6 to 7 p.m.
- » Wing Chun in the martial arts dojo from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Cycling from 7 to 8 p.m.
- » Kickboxing with Dan Stell from 5 to 7 p.m.

#### Fridays

- » Piyo in the martial arts dojo from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
- » Core step aerobics from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- » Kajukembo in the martial arts dojo from 4:30 to 8 p.m.
- » Core kickboxing aerobics from 5 to 6 p.m.
- » Yoga from 6 to 7 p.m.

#### Saturdays

- » Cycling from 8 to 9 a.m.
- » Total Fitness from 9 to 10 a.m.

## TRAVIS CINEMA

The Travis theater will be closed for renovation from Feb. 3 to early August. During the renovation, seats will be upgraded, soundproofing will be incorporated, and the building will undergo upgrades to meet base standards. Watch the *Tailwind* for details on its re-opening.

Visit [www.aafes.com/ems](http://www.aafes.com/ems).

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The best guests to invite to a party are the designated drivers.

## Looking for Sports Info.

The Tailwind is always looking for sports news and features. If you have an idea for a sports story, call the Tailwind at 424-0131. Sports stories can include unusual hobbies as well.



Check with the Fitness Center for updated seasonal changes for all fitness programs. Core classes are free for active-duty military, who must present a valid military ID in order to attend. All other classes are available to both active-duty and dependents, however, a pass purchased through the Fitness Center is required. For details, call 424-2008.

# Father teaches son "rewards of racing"

By Staff Sgt. Shawn Neal  
60th Civil Engineer Squadron

A father and son from Travis teamed up to race at Arena Cross Amateur Day at the Oakland Coliseum on Sunday. Tech. Sgt. Joseph Bellmore, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron, doubled as coach and mechanic for his son, Corey. The team's efforts lead to Corey placing sixth in the competition.

"I'm extremely proud of him and his riding Sunday," said Bellmore. "To come out and ride to the best of his abilities in front all the spectators was terrific."

Although this is only Corey's second time racing this event, he is no stranger to it.

Corey started racing at a young age while his dad was stationed at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. His first dirt bike was a 49cc Yamaha PW50 and from there he worked his way up to a 125cc dirt bike.

Corey has won numerous trophies in the 50cc, 60cc, and 80cc classes. This past year Corey and his father raced several times at Argyle Park and other dirt bike tracks in Northern California. Corey placed 5th in the 125cc Intermediate Class race at the legendary Hangtown track in September.

After the race Corey noted that Arena Cross is much different than the tracks he had grown accustomed to since the age of 8.

"Normally the jumps are more spread apart, giving the rider more time to react to the difficulty of the track," Bellmore said. "Arena cross tracks are different, usually consisting



Courtesy photo

Corey stands proudly with his father, Tech. Sgt. Joseph Bellmore, 60th CES, after placing well in a recent motocross race. Corey has been racing since he was 8-years old.

of 30 to 40 ft. double jumps, whoops, sharp 180-degree turns and a 60 foot finish line jump that even pros have a hard time with."

"The Arena Cross tracks are much tighter, as soon as you get through the first jump, it's already time for the second," Corey said.

"Mastering the obstacles early in practice builds your confidence for the race, Bellmore said. "Confidence in your self is everything in this sport. You have to know you can beat the other 15 riders in your race."

At age 14, Corey wants to pursue a racing career. His father has enrolled him in the Tony D. Moto Cross class in the spring in Marysville, Calif. Corey and his father also plan to race the entire Mutant Motor

Cross Series this summer, which will take them throughout most of Northern California.

Pangburn Machining and Fabrication, a Fairfield business, is sponsoring Corey with race entry fees.

When Corey is not out racing, you can find him training on his BMX bike at the Travis Skate Park.

"We are trying to get a motocross track on base to be able to practice even more," Bellmore said. "There are several tracks around this area, but the good ones are at least an hour drive."

Corey will continue competing in the local amateur races, trying to qualify for the Amateur Day race held in conjunction with the Outdoor National race in May.



Courtesy photo

Corey practices weekly around local area tracks, but wishes one was closer to home. When Corey is not out racing, he is training on his BMX bike at the Travis Skate Park.

## Warmer weather + sports = potential injuries

By 60th AMW Safety Office

With the spring season just around the corner, more and more people will participate in a lot of outdoor sporting activities; especially the younger generation. The following estimates are projections of all medically treated injuries that cause the most injuries among children ages 5-14 years:

► Bicycling leads this list of the five spring and summer sports recreational activities with 648,000 injuries.

- Basketball had 540,000 injuries
- Football had over 504,000 injuries in 2001
- Baseball/softball had a combined total of 271,000 injuries
- Soccer had 210,000
- Skateboards had 134,000 injuries

These figures are derived from estimates of hospital emergency room-treated injuries reported through the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's National Electronic Injury Surveillance System. There are some tips to avoiding injuries while participating in sports like being familiar with the sport, wearing protective equipment, always warming up before participating in sports and avoiding playing when tired or in pain.

## Registration open for 2003 USAF marathon

By Susan Murphy  
Aeronautical Systems Center Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — Registration is under way for the 2003 U.S. Air Force Marathon scheduled here for Sept. 20.

Runner categories have changed slightly from past years. A 5K fun run and a 1/2 marathon have been added. There will no longer be a marathon team category. The marathon, four-person Ekiend-style relay team and wheelchair categories remain unchanged.

The Air Force Marathon, tra-

ditionally held the third Saturday of September, is open to all levels of marathoners, civilians and military, from all around the world. More than 3,200 runners participated in the marathon representing nearly every state and six countries.

The first U.S. Air Force Marathon was held here Sept. 20, 1997, to coincide with the Air Force's 50th anniversary. U.S.A. Track and Field, the governing body of long-distance running in the United States, certified the course in 1997. Air Force Marathon officials asked for certification in order to assure participants the course is

exactly 26 miles, 385 yards.

Runners will receive a uniquely designed T-shirt and patch. Participants who finish the marathon within the eight-hour time limit will receive a medallion.

Reduced fees for early registration are available until June 30. Registration deadline is Sept. 4.

To register, or for more information, visit the marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil/>, or call the marathon office at (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823.

# Airmen poised to attack Iraq

By **Louis A. Arana-Barradas**  
Air Force Print News

SAN ANTONIO — With some media sources already reporting the start of fighting in Iraq, airmen worry Saddam Hussein will use chemical weapons against coalition forces.

Iraq has long denied it has such weapons, but Saddam Hussein used them in his war with Iran and against Kurds in his own country. President George Bush said the Iraqi dictator has given his troops the OK to use such weapons again.

Since it is probable Iraq will use chemical weapons, airmen at bases in Europe and Southwest Asia are preparing for the worst.

"We're absolutely concerned about that stuff," said Capt. Gary, a B-52 electronic weapons officer deployed to Royal Air Force Fairford, England.

The captain will be high above any chemical or biological threats when bombing missions begin over Iraq. Still, he said the thought of Iraq using such weapons is "something that's going to impact our mindset because we have friends on the ground."

Gary, from the 23rd Expeditionary Bomb Squadron, said it is up to the Air Force to knock out facilities or units suspected of having weapons of mass destruction.

"If we're going to prevent the use of weapons of mass destruction, we've got to be all over that [country] as fast as possible," Gary said. "That would just about be Job 1 — taking those guys out."

President Bush has repeatedly warned Iraq that if it uses weapons of mass destruction, Iraq will suffer the consequences. His last warning came March 17 during a speech to the nation.

"Do not obey any command to use weapons of mass destruction against anyone, including the Iraqi people," Bush warned the Iraqi military. "War crimes will be prosecuted. War criminals will be punished. And it will be no defense to say, 'I was just following orders.'"

Unfortunately, nobody knows whether the Iraqis will heed the warning. That is not comforting, said Staff Sgt. Marc

Kreienbrink. He is a contracting airman with the 405th Expeditionary Contracting Squadron at a forward-deployed location.

"My concern is what weapons of mass destruction will do," he said. "Are we going to be ready to deal with this [threat]?"

Air Force officials said airmen are ready to counter chemical and biological threats. Kreienbrink said he has had enough chemical warfare training to last a lifetime. He is ready.

"I'm quite confident of my ability to put my training to use," he said.

Though the two airmen are concerned about chemical attacks, neither is worried any threat will stop them from accomplishing their mission.

As Gary put it, "It will be business as usual."

At another forward-deployed base, Staff Sgt. Nick Brautigam said the mood in the U.S. Central Command building where he works is tense. Brautigam is also worried about chemical attacks, but his main concern is whether the United States really needs to go to war with Iraq.

"I wonder if we could do this some other way," said Brautigam, a communications planner. He was quick to add, though, that no amount of concern will prevent him doing his job.

The three airmen have one thing in common — none want Americans to lose sight of the mission the men and women in uniform are about carry out.

Kreienbrink wants Americans to support their troops, even if they do not support the war. Brautigam said people can protest the war all they want, as long as they do not take out their frustrations on troops returning home like many did after the Vietnam conflict.

And all confessed that on the eve of what could be a second Gulf War, they feel a bit of uncertainty and fear, too. Mainly because they really do not know what will happen. They do not know what Saddam Hussein will do.

"People should have faith in our leadership and know that everybody here believes strongly in what we're doing," Gary said. "We're just hoping to do it as quickly as possible."

## Showing support



Senior Airman Nicholas Olson / 60th AMW Public Affairs

People across Travis and in local communities are showing their support for the coalition of forces who are deployed across the globe in support of the war on terrorism and other contingencies.

## 31 Travis NCOs promoted to senior master sergeant

### 15th Air Force

McCarty, Mac  
Schunemann, William  
Seballos, Harry

### 60th Air Mobility Wing

Inspector General  
Muniz, Alexander

### 60th Maintenance Group

60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
Addy, Raleigh

660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
Conway, Christopher  
Component Maintenance Squadron  
Hostetter, Victor  
Olaes, Rogelio

### 60th Mission Support Group

Civil Engineer Squadron  
Brennan, Daniel,  
Hopppaugh, Patrick  
Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Jaramillo, Jon  
Aerial Port Squadron  
Montgomery, James

Whaley, Essic  
Communications Squadron  
Jevitzky, Frank  
Mission Support Squadron  
Johnston, Scott



### 615th Air Mobility Operations Group

715th Air Mobility Squadron  
Adams, Daran  
Perry, Alexander  
Powell, Christopher

615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron  
Law, Jeffrey,

### 60th Medical Group

Medical Support Squadron  
Mazyck, Barbara  
Medical Surgical Operations Squadron  
Price, Manda  
Medical Operations Squadron  
Thomaston, William  
Woods, Kevin

### 60th Operations Group

9th Air Refueling Squadron  
Drummond, Luis  
21st Airlift Squadron  
Costello, Clifford  
Stalie, Tomas  
60th Operations Support Squadron  
Morrow, Virgil

### Tenant Organizations

AMC Air Operations  
Davison, Steven  
364th Recruiting Squadron  
Brooke, Scott  
Kirchner, Ronald  
Strausser, Leon

# AF implements Stop Loss

Specific skills needed to meet security objectives

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) has authorized the use of Stop Loss in order to retain specific skills needed to meet national security objectives. Effective May 2, 2003 43 officer and 56 enlisted specialties are Stop Lossed.

"We do not take this action lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. "Stop Loss is designed to preserve critical skills essential to supporting the Global War on Terrorism, while ensuring we're prepared to meet other contingencies."

"We've implemented Stop Loss to ensure we have the necessary skilled personnel to conduct operations," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "We'll use it only as long as necessary to accomplish our mission."

Stop Loss is being implemented across the total force (active duty, Air Force Ready Reserve, and Air National Guard) for the above career fields and affects all airmen in the rank of colonel and below, according to Maj. Teresa L. Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at

the Pentagon.

Both the secretary and chief of staff are acutely aware that the Air Force is an all-volunteer force and that this action, while essential to meeting the service's worldwide obligations, is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service.

"We take Stop Loss seriously and are working hard to ensure the lives of our airmen, their families and their civilian employers are not disrupted any longer than is necessary to meet our national commitments," Jumper said.

Therefore, a waiver process will be implemented for those people with unique circumstances.

"We are doing our best to minimize this disruption," Roche said. "And we will look at unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis and do all we can to offer appropriate relief."

"We understand the individual sacrifices that our airmen and their families will be making," Jumper said. "We appreciate their unwavering support and dedication to our nation."

For more information about Stop Loss, members can contact their local military personnel flight or the Air Force Personnel Center's Stop Loss Control Center at (210) 565-2374 or log onto [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil).

## Bidding farewell



Sgt. 1st Class Robert Pack /CNG Public Affairs

About 90 California Army National Guardsmen departed Travis March 12 to participate in the war against terrorism. Under the watchful eyes of more than 100 family, friends and coworkers, the soldiers boarded a Civil Reserve Air Fleet plane and headed to an undisclosed location. They may be deployed for six months or more. The soldiers are from Company G, 140th Aviation Regiment, in Stockton. The unit flies CH-47 Chinook helicopters and their wartime mission is to transport troops and equipment in the theater of operations.

# Aviation Pioneers helped mold fledgling Air Force

By Louis Arana-Barradas

There are few people who've doubted the might of American military aviation, and those who did have felt its global reach and devastating knockout punch.

American aviation helped speed up the surrender of Germany and Japan in World War II, kept the people of Berlin from starving, turned the tide in Korea, and forced North Vietnam back to the Paris Peace talks. It ended Iraq's quest for Middle East domination, helped stop ethnic cleansing in Bosnia, and forced the Taliban to let go of its tyrannical grip on the long-suffering people of Afghanistan. Not exactly what the fathers of powered flight, Orville and Wilbur Wright, had in mind for aviation when they flew the first heavier-than-air aircraft nearly 100 years ago.

## Wright brothers

"When my brother and I built the first man-carrying flying machine, we thought that we were introducing into the world an invention which would make further wars practically impossible," Orville said in 1917.

He was wrong, of course. Because by then World War I had been going on for almost four years. A decade after the Wrights' historic flight at Kitty Hawk,

N.C., aircraft were proving they were formidable war machines. They changed the art of war.

But American military leaders were slow to recognize the airplane's full potential and by the time the United States joined the fight in 1917, their European allies and foes were way ahead in the development of aviation. American aviation was not up to snuff. It faced a trial by fire.

It wasn't because American aviators lacked imagination. Many had seen the aircraft's military potential as soon as the Wrights flew at Kitty Hawk, but they weren't in charge. These "upstarts" had to get the Army, which still had horse-mounted cavalry, to recognize the potential.

It wasn't until 1909 that the Army Signal Corps bought its first "air machine." It chose an improved version of the Wright Flyer, and the U.S. military was in the aviation business.

It was rough going at first. The infant service had to count on its own people, mostly young infantry and cavalry officers and enlisted men, for direction. They had to learn by doing; invent as they progressed; brainstorm and try ideas they thought would work. They also had to keep convincing their leaders that their fledgling force would one day make a difference in the

way the U.S. military would fight. To do all of that, they had to take risks.

"Any organization that wants to grow has to take risks," said retired Gen. Chuck Horner, the air boss of Desert Shield and Desert Storm. "And the more you stick your neck out, the greater the opportunity for failure."

Horner, whose own Persian Gulf War staff had many risk takers, said, "That's what happens when people use their own judgment and try new ways of doing things." The risks they take, he said, "involve reward and punishment, depending on if you're right or wrong in your judgment."

That was certainly true for the early pioneers of U.S. military aviation. They had to be idea men, risk takers and aviators. They made mistakes, but they also made great strides in developing what is today the world's premier Air Force. Still, each time they did what they loved most - fly - the chances of a crash, or crash landing were real.

## Gen. Hap Arold

In the book "Hap Arnold, Architect of American Air Power," Flint DuPre writes of Arnold's first flight. The

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# NEWS NOTES

## TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

### Media

Members of the television, print or radio media may approach Travis members for interviews and photographs while off base. Refer members of the press to the 60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs office at 424-2011. Additionally, Travis personnel are not authorized permission to escort media onto the installation. All media interaction and access must be coordinated through 60th AMW Public Affairs.

### Natural gas outage

There will be a natural gas outage

April 3 and 10 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. This outage is needed to support replacement of gas valves on base. On April 3, Bldg. 660 will be effected. On April 10, buildings 170, 175, 205, 206, 212, 214 and 230 will be effected. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Patricia English at 424-1127.

### Festival de la Familia

Staff from the Festival de la Familia are looking for volunteers for this year's festival, which will be held April 27 at Cal Expo in Sacramento. Volunteers are needed for children's areas, information booths, security patrols and stage assis-

ants. For more information, contact Laurie at (916) 452-0926 or log onto [www.festivaldelafamilia.com](http://www.festivaldelafamilia.com) and look for volunteer application.

### Area Defense Counsel

The Travis Area Defense Counsel will be unavailable Monday to Friday. If you need assistance, call 424-4569 for the proper referral agency contact information.

### Salute to women

There will be a salute to women veterans workshop March 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Vacaville Veterans Memorial Building, 549 Merchant St., in Vacaville. This workshop is open to all women veterans from any of the armed services. Some of the topics that will be covered are veterans benefits, an update on Veteran Affairs and women's health, post-traumatic stress and women, stress management and hormone replacement

therapy and preventive health. There will be veterans benefits counselors to take claims, several guest speakers including Sheryl Schmidt, deputy secretary for the California Department of Veterans Affairs.

This workshop is being provided during the month of March in honor of Womens History Month. In particular March 16 through 22 has been designated as Womens Military History Week. Each participant will receive a copy of California Gov. Gray Davis's resolution proclaiming March as Womens History Month.

For more information or to register for the workshop, call the Veterans Hall. This event is free of charge and lunch will be provided. Registration for this workshop began March 3 and people may call the Vacaville Veterans Memorial Building staff at 707-447-6354 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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# Aeromedical Reservists answer call to duty

Stories and photo by Senior Airman Nicholas Olson  
60th AMW Public Affairs

A reservist can be called to action at a moments notice. When the time came, the 349th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron was ready.

"Our operations tempo has been extremely high since being activated in February," said Maj. Sunny Gates, flight operations officer, 349th AES.

"We realized more deployments were coming our way and so our training became more intense," Gates said.

"We've been getting people ready for deployments and sending our crew out into real world scenarios." The 349th AES has 15 evacuation crews consisting of two flight nurses and three aeromedical evacuation technicians in each crew.

An important part of mission readiness, according to Gates, is leadership, and the efforts of Col. Deborah Aspling, Commander, 349th AES.

"Our commander is very proactive in keeping our people trained at their very best," said Gates. "She wants the squadron to learn anything and everything it can to get the mission accomplished."

The first days of Operation Enduring Freedom saw six teams volunteer for deployment throughout the theater. Four of the teams were supporting the Aerospace Expeditionary Force.

"Our role has been to support the active duty people who have to go forward by picking up the operational missions and allowing other crews to fly with us that do not have aircraft," Gates said.

The Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard make up 95 percent of all aeromedical evacuation units in the total force. This increases the operations requirement and puts a heavy demand on the 349th AES to be ready to deploy throughout the world.

"Operations readiness is excellent," said Maj. Mercille Locke, medical readiness officer, 349th AES. "All of our members are ready at a moments notice."

"Every member of our squadron is in a mobility position," added Gates. "At any time we are 99 percent mission capable to respond to short notice deployments."

Operations include missions to Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska every weekend and an active mission, shared with three other Reserve units to Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii to pick up patients in Japan.

The 349th AES is a unit capable of adapting to whatever aircraft are available including C-130 Hercules, C-9 Nightingales, the KC-135 Stra-



Members of the 349th AES carry a patient off a C-130 Hercules after arriving from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

totanker, C-5 Galaxy and the KC-10 Extender. The current operational aircraft is the C-141 Starlifter, but with the drawdown of the C-141, the unit must purchase time to train on other unit's aircraft.

"We have had to go out and purchase missions from other units," said Gates. The squadron flies an average of four missions per weekend during the unit training assembly.

Mobilization is a difficulty in regards to family and employer support. Since the start of Enduring Freedom, the 349th AES has seen active duty in one form or another for over a year and a half.

"The families of our members have been very supportive and are trying to keep a good attitude while their loved ones are away," said Gates. "Our people are stepping up to the challenge, their attitudes are very good. They want get the job done."

The activation of reservists causes difficulties for both the service member and their families and the civilian employers who are feeling the loss of their employee.

"We do have to write more justification letters to employers explaining the need for reservists to be activated," Gates said.

The spouses of the commanders, and others have formed a family support team to take on the need for communication and assistance for those left behind.

"The family support team has set up a 24-hour hotline for member families in need of support while separated from their loved ones," Gates said.

# Versatile Brytni Houston, Travis Youth of the Year

By Linda Mann-Iames  
60th Services Squadron

Contrary to popular opinion, many high school students are known to volunteer in their community, help at home and work hard toward future goals. Brytni Houston, freshman at Vanden High School, is one of those youth.

In honor of all she has accomplished in her 14 years, The Travis Boys and Girls Club (B&GC) named Houston the 2003 Youth of the Year. She was honored at an awards presentation on March 14 at the Youth Center. A 4-year member of Travis B&GC, Houston is a positive role model for today's youth.

"Everyone should do a little foreshadowing and not just look at now and what you might get out of it at this minute, but look at the future," said Houston. "Preparation is very important and helps you accomplish your goals."

Not only is Houston an honor student, ranking first academically in her freshman class of 343 students, but she also takes many college prep classes including Algebra and French. She says taking a lot of notes in class helps her to learn the material.

"I have learned to be more organized so I spend less time studying at home and more time doing what I like," said Houston.

But good grades are not enough to be named Youth of the Year. The national program sponsored by The Reader's Digest Association and administered by Boys & Girls Clubs of America (B&GCA), recognizes exemplary character, academic achievement, superior leadership skills and outstanding service in the community.

Helping others is important to her. In the last year she has tutored peers, collected toys and funds for children at Christmas, fingerprinted youth at the Travis Community Safety Awareness Day, prepared Thanksgiving dinner for Airmen and even wore the Mr. Jelly Belly costume at the annual Eggstravaganza. Her activity in the community won her the Bayer/National Science Foundation Award for Community Innovation for speaking to students and making posters about how to decrease the weight of backpacks for 6th to 12th grade students.



Kristina Cilia / Visual Information

Brig. Gen. Brad Baker, 60th AMW commander, presents the Travis Youth of the Year award to Brytni Houston. Brytni is an all-around athlete and honor student at Vanden High School.

She is the daughter of two active duty Air Force members: Master Sgt Robert Houston of the 60th Medical Support Squadron and Chief Master Sgt Jacquelin Houston of the 60th Mission Support Squadron. Her father was deployed on March 15 and she was very glad that he was still at Travis when her award was announced. Houston also has two younger brothers, Brandon, 12, and Bryson, 6.

"After school I help my brothers with their school work and I do household chores everyday," said Houston. "My parents give me these responsibilities to prepare me for when I eventually leave home."

When she does leave the nest, Houston plans on a college education and a good "business-type" career — maybe law.

"Through Jr. Toastmasters I have learned to get up and speak in front of people — it makes public speaking easier. I am good at debating and assembling arguments and rebuttals," she said.

An active athlete, she plays basketball and softball and participates in sporting events such as the Punt, Pass and Kick competition, Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser and the Fitness Authority competition. She placed first in her age group in the 2002 local and regional competitions and second place in the National Fitness Authority Competition in Miami, Florida. Houston is currently training on her own for the 2003 competition and will begin practicing with the Travis youth again in April.

Music is also a big part of her life. She has sung in school choirs and played in bands. After playing the trumpet for

four years, Houston was selected as a member of the North Bay Honor Band and performed at the Vacaville Performance Arts Center last year.

Houston will compete against other B&GC youth for the California state Youth of the Year title. Five regional winners selected from among the state winners will receive \$5,000 scholarships and compete for the national honor in Washington, D.C. The National Youth of the Year will receive an additional \$10,000 scholarship from Reader's Digest and will be installed by the President in a White House ceremony in September.

The B&GC provides many youth programs including sports, education and leadership development to Travis kids. Call 424-5392 for the Youth Center or 424-3131 for the Teen Zone to find out more about their programs.

Think security, think safety ...



Senior Airman Nicholas Olson / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Travis personnel may not visit off-base sites in uniform. Personnel may only wear their uniform off base while traveling between work and home. The base continues to enforce vigorous installation security measures and base visitors should expect minimal delays when visiting the base.

# CRIME STOPPER

## TRAVIS SECURITY FORCES ACTIVITY

### March 10

- » Assistance rendered on Fairchild Drive
- » Minor vehicle accident at the parking lot of Bldg. 685
- » Burglary at the Base Exchange
- » Assistance rendered at billeting
- » Medical emergency at Bldg. 977
- » Underage drinking at the dorms

### March 11

- » Damage to government property at the North Gate
- » Medical emergency at the duck pond
- » Verbal altercation at billeting
- » Medical emergency at Bldg. 680
- » Damage to private property at BX parking lot
- » Patrol dispatched to Visitor Center

### March 12

- » Damage to government property at the dorms
- » Personal information theft at Bldg. 381
- » Vehicle towed for past due registration at Pope Court
- » Minor vehicle accident at David Grant Medical Center
- » Military member incarcerated for DUI in Sacramento

### March 13

- » Stolen property at Lady Fitness in Vacaville
- » Security incident
- » Minor vehicle accident at Bldg. 688
- » Shoplifting at the BX
- » Violation of restraining order at the dorms

### March 14

- » Suspicious individual on Maine Street
- » Minor vehicle accident on Burgan Boulevard
- » Damage to private property at the BX
- » Minor vehicle accident at Bldg. 777 parking lot
- » Minor vehicle accident at the BX parking lot
- » Damage to private property on Esterbrook Street
- » Minor vehicle accident at Bldg. 434
- » Damage to private property at Bldg. 777
- » Larceny at the BX
- » DUI on First Street

### March 15

- » Minor vehicle accident on E Street
- » Security incident
- » Medical emergency at the Main Gate
- » Shoplifting at the BX
- » Medical emergency at the Westwind Inn
- » Fraudulent ID/Suspended license at the North Gate
- » Damage to private property on Ragsdale Road
- » Medical Emergency on Travis Avenue
- » Medical emergency on Fitzgerald Drive
- » Fire alarm activation at the Shoppette

### March 16

- » Domestic assault on Travis Avenue
- » Damage to private property at the BX
- » DUI on Collins Drive
- » Fraud/counterfeit currency at Bldg. 809
- » Suspicious individuals at the golf course

# Deployed visitors

By Maj. Mike Young  
409th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

BURGAS, BULGARIA — A contingent of deployed airmen from the 409th Air Expeditionary Group here visited a local primary school March 17 at the request of school officials.

The group of visitors was made up of a flight surgeon, aircrew members, two security forces dog handlers and their canine Waldo, and others, all led by the unit's commander, Col. Jim Muscatell.

"It's such a thrill to visit the school," Muscatell said to the school's principal, Aneta Dimova.

"My wife is a school teacher, so I have a real appreciation for what you do," he told teachers at the school.

The airmen from nearby Camp Sarafovo split into three groups, visited more than 350 students and answered questions about everything from their impressions of Bulgaria to life in America.

"Kids are the same no matter where you go, but the reception we received today was heart-warming," said Muscatell.

The warmth of the Bulgarian people was also highlighted during a recent visit to the 409th AEG by U.S. Ambassador to Bulgaria James W. Pardew.

"Community outreach is important to the success of the 409th's mission, and you'll experience how receptive your host nation can be," said Pardew.

Camp Sarafovo is home to the 409th AEG which runs air refueling operations with KC-10 Extender aircraft deployed to Burgas Airport. Airmen from Air Force units worldwide are deployed with the 409th AEG supporting the war on terrorism and future potential operations.

With between 300 and 400 airmen in one place, you need a lot of support from the host country, said Muscatell, and the Bulgarians have been extremely gracious and accommodating.

One of the most critical areas of support deals with security concerns.

"We've employed 40 Bulgarian national police officers to assist us with security operations," said Lt. Col. Jim Scanlan, 409th AEG deputy commander.

The relationship is reciprocal too, he said.

"Since our arrival just over a month ago, we've spent \$1.7 million on contracts to support both the airfield and camp areas and \$140,000 on supplies and materials," said Scanlan.

The unit also employs 64 support workers and 10 translators, all from the local community.

Progress is made daily, said Muscatell, and it is because of the camp's hosts.

"Today we went to the primary school in Burgas to repay our hosts, to give something to the kids, but again, we got a lot more back than we gave."



Master Sgt. Dave Ahlschwede / AFPN

Maj. (Dr.) Todd Thames admires the artwork of Tatyana, a fifth-grade student at Lyuben Karavelov, a primary school in Burgas, Bulgaria. Thames is a flight surgeon with the 409th Air Expeditionary Group at nearby Camp Sarafovo which runs air refueling operations with KC-10 Extender aircraft. He is deployed from the 36th Aerospace Medicine Squadron at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

# Colonel promotions

**Lieutenant Colonel** — The following Travis member was promoted to the grade of lieutenant colonel by the Lieutenant Colonel Central Selection Board:

**Rachel Lefebvre**, 60th Medical Operations Squadron

**Colonel** — The following individuals were promoted to the grade of colonel by the Colonel Central Selection Board:

**Grace Blevins-Holman**, 60th Maintenance Group

**Mark Dillon**, 60th Operations Group

**Donald Halpin**, Air University

## Housing mayors needed

### Tailwind staff

Want to build a strong leadership component for your future? Join the dynamic Travis Mayors program. There are nine mayors serving as important community leaders in Travis military family housing. There are two vacancies due to PCSs of the former mayors.

The two villages needing mayors are Georgetown (also known as Patriot Village, which are the 300 townhouses at Ryan, Catton, Carlton, Estes, Moore, Huyser, Allen, and Cassidy Courts) and Mather Manor (all homes between Cannon and Armstrong, which includes Roberts, Esterbrook, Ellsworth, Hackett, Pope, Harmony, Claggett, Echols, and Vermont/Nevada/West Steets). Interested military members who reside in either one of these villages can e-mail the Housing Manager, Mark DuPree at [mark.dupree@travis.af.mil](mailto:mark.dupree@travis.af.mil) for details.



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# 1,612 master sergeants promoted to E-8

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The 1,612 master sergeants picked for promotion this year were selected using the chronic critical skills program for the first time.

The selectees will be named March 19.

The program applies higher selection rates to certain career fields. This year is the first it is being applied to the E-8 and E-9 promotion cycles.

Under the program, officials identified 25 career fields to be classified as "critical" skills for the E-8 promotion cycle. The overall selection rate for this cycle, 10.18 percent, is the highest since 1987. The move pushed average selection percentages, depending on the multiplier applied, up to 30.88 percent.

"We're now including E-8s and E-9s because of critical senior noncommissioned officer shortages in these (Air Force specialties) that are seriously impacting mission readiness," said Chief Master Sgt. Carol Dockery, chief of enlisted promotions and evaluation at the Pentagon.

The effort to expand the chronic criti-

## Overall selection rate highest since 1987; 25 career fields classified as critical skills

cal skills program to the two highest enlisted ranks began during the central evaluation board and final approval came only days ago, said officials.

To get there, those competing for promotion in designated Air Force specialty codes are assigned a higher selection rate, 1.2 times the Air Force average, Dockery said.

For example, an AFSC with a 15 percent selection rate would receive an 18 percent promotion rate when placed on the critical skills list.

"Now, more than ever, it's absolutely essential that we balance our enlisted force structure to meet our expeditionary force requirements," said Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray. "We must continue to use the (chronic critical skills) program and all other available tools, such as selective

re-enlistment bonuses, incentive pays and retraining, if we are to achieve balance in our force."

Senior NCOs in Air Force specialties manned at or below 70 percent with less than 25 people eligible for promotion received a multiplier of 3.0; those manned at or below 70 percent with more than 25 people eligible for promotion received a multiplier of 1.4; and those manned above 70 percent but less than 90 percent received a multiplier of 1.2.

Future chronic critical skills will be announced before the central evaluation board for each promotion cycle.

The senior master sergeant evaluation board met Jan. 22 to Feb. 7.

The average total score of selectees during the cycle was 669.10 points. Average selectee score breakdowns are:

- ▶▶ 36 points, time in grade
- ▶▶ 21.01 points, time in service
- ▶▶ 135 points, performance reports
- ▶▶ 20.08 points for decorations
- ▶▶ 68.83 points for U.S. Air Force Supervisory Examination
- ▶▶ 388.17 points for evaluation board score

The average selectee has 5.04 years time in grade and 19.99 years time in service.

Those selected for promotion to senior master sergeant automatically receive a school quota for the Senior NCO Academy. And 357 of those not selected are scheduled to attend with a list of 720 alternates, officials said.

Senior master sergeant selectees will be promoted beginning in April. The complete list of promotion and Senior NCO Academy selections will be posted on the Air Force Personnel Center Web site by March 22 at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom>. (Information compiled by Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker, Air Force Print News, and Staff Sgt. Matt Miller, AFPC Public Affairs)

## Important Notice

In the interest of base beautification, base housing residents are asked to refrain from putting up signs to advertise on-base yard sales. Posting yard sale signs on utility poles is a violation of 60 AMWI 90-3 and the California Utilities Commission's Code of Regulations. DO NOT post yard sale signs on utility poles around the base.

### Yard Sales

Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 124 Offutt St.  
Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, 118 Bond St.  
Saturday, 8 a.m., 223-224 Carlton Ct.  
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., multifam, 115 Lamb Ct.  
Saturday & Sunday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 544 Twin Peaks Dr.

### Furniture

Computer desk, \$40. 439-0787  
Bedroom set, 9pc, antique white, \$550 obo. 437-4590  
Twin waterbed, frame, headboard, heater, no patches, \$100. 437-4590  
Sectional sofa w/queen size bed, tan, \$350. 437-2833  
Dining table, cream, 4 chairs, \$60. 437-2833  
Computer desk, oak, chair, \$45. 437-2833  
Dining table, wood/white wash, 4 chairs, \$70 obo. 437-3545  
Sleeper sofa, queen size pullout bed, neutral w/oak trim, \$75. 437-1034  
Queen bed, dk wood headboard, frame, \$35. 437-4775  
Entertainment center, black, \$75. 439-9397  
Coffee table set, 3pc, \$25. 864-2595  
Computer table, \$25. 864-2595  
Armoire, \$20. 864-2595  
Dining table, 4 chairs, lt blue/wood grain, \$150; matching hutch, \$100;

\$200/both. 437-4783  
Sofa, dk green/brown trim, \$100. 449-1985  
Bunk bed, captain drawers, dresser, mattress, \$850 obo. 421-1279  
Krause sofa w/hide-a-bed/recliner, blue, sectional, \$500 obo. 426-4868

### Appliances

Air conditioner, 8k btu, \$95. 437-4590  
Air conditioner, 10k btu, \$120. 437-4590  
GE washer, mini-basket, GE gas dryer, \$200. 446-6428  
GE window air conditioner, vertical, 10k btu, \$180. 437-1034  
Whirlpool Washing machine, 2sp, 7-cycle, lg capacity/heavy-duty, \$75 obo. 437-2305

### Household/Misc. Items

Wedding dress, never worn or altered, sz. 12, ivory shantung, long sleeve, v-neck, long train, peplum waist, 2 yds. extra fabric, \$650 obo. 399-7001  
Cosco baby stroller, reclines, cup holder, under basket, lt blue, multi-print pattern, \$25 obo. 437-3115  
Umbrella strollers (2), \$5/ea. 437-3115  
Graco stroller, car seat, base, \$65. 437-4413  
High chair, \$15. 437-3778  
Looney Tunes crib bedding, \$15. 437-3778  
Steam cleaner, \$15. 437-3778  
Bassinet, lace covering, \$10. 437-3778  
Garage door opener, 2 remotes, sensor, \$65. 437-4590  
Hummels from Germany, signed and numbered, make offer. 864-1011  
Century Infant car seat, \$20. 437-4775  
Movie stand, holds 25, \$5. 437-4775  
Sunbeam gas bar-b-cue, \$25. 208-6817  
Hedstrom swing set, \$25. 208-6817  
Beanie babies. 437-3784  
Graco double glider stroller, stadium seating, matching dual carrier car seat, \$90. 439-9397  
Diaper genie, boppy, bingo musical

walker, musical car seat attachment w/remote, \$10/ea. 439-9397  
Graco jumper seat, \$12. 439-9397  
King mattress, box spring, frame, \$250. 454-0511  
Lawn furniture, \$50. 864-2595  
Christmas tree, 7.5', \$25. 864-2595  
Crib, mattress, \$20. 864-2595  
Lawnmower, \$40. 425-5056  
Wedding ring set, 3pc, gold w/diamonds, lady's size 6.5, men's size 9, \$500 obo. 437-4636  
Wedding dress, sz 10-12, \$150. 422-9340

### Sports/Athletic Equipment

Jugs double wheel pitching machine (curveball machine for baseballs only), \$600. 966-9216  
MBS mountain board, basic model, \$100. 437-1387

### Electronic/Computer Items

Compaq IJ900 color ink jet printer, \$15. 437-3115  
Paper shredder, desk size, \$10. 437-3115  
Canon bubble jet printer, software, original box, \$50 obo. 916-922-5410  
Pro-logic surround sound pioneer stereo receiver, learning remote, 110 watt/channel, original box, \$99 obo. 916-922-5410  
Pioneer 6-disc CD changer, single tray, remote, original box, \$99 obo. 916-922-5410  
Playstation, \$15. 437-3778  
Epson C82 color printer, separate CMYK ink tanks, \$125 obo. 469-0834  
Sony mini-shelf stereo, 3-disc changer, dual cassette, digital tuner, alarm option, 150 watt, 2-shelf speaker, 2 studio monitor speakers, 12" woofers, audio/video jacks, home theater surround sound, \$100 obo. 437-2305  
Sony TV, 20", cable ready, \$100. 451-0346

### Vehicle

2002 Yamaha R-1, black/silver, 42k mi, helmet, cover, stand, \$8,500. 447-5961  
2001 Dodge Grand Caravan EX, v6,

pwr sliding doors & tailgate, tv/vcr, rear air, captain seats, 19k mi, \$23,900. 437-1266  
2000 Honda Accord EX, sunroof, 41.3k, spoiler, \$15,500. 439-0787  
2000 Cougar, v6, ps, pm, pw, sunroof, keyless, alarm, ac, cc, fog lights, spoiler, stereo/cd, 26k mi, warranty, \$12,900 obo. 437-1231  
1999.5 Nissan Pathfinder XE, 4x4, blue, v6, am/fm/cd/cas, roof rack, fog light, running boards, ac, at, 1 owner, 75k mi, \$16,000 obo. 925-570-9664  
1999 Honda Civic, take over payments. 439-9438  
1998 Dodge Neon R/T, black/silver, 5sp, 53k mi, warranty, \$6,000. 453-0221  
1996 Nissan Maxima GXE, 6cyl, 5sp, ac, pw, pl, cc, sunroof, \$7,800 obo. 451-0930  
1995 Honda Civic, 73k mi, at, \$5,000. 422-6244  
1995 Camaro Z28, 6sp, \$7,000. 451-2439  
1994 Ford Escort GT, 84k mi, smogged, \$1,900. 437-4279  
1993 BMW 740i EXC, \$11,000 obo. 695-6643  
1992 Kawasaki Ninja 600, 10k mi, needs tune up/cosmetic work, \$2,000 obo. 437-2132  
1991 Jeep Cherokee Laredo lmt, 4x4, v6, leather, tint, roof rack, fog lights, tow pkg, digital compass, cd, remote, \$5,150. 530-406-1025  
1988 Pontiac Grand Am, 155.35k mi, \$1,500. 437-4614  
1986 Jeep Cherokee, v6, pw, pd, at, \$1,800 obo. 451-4009  
1986 Porsche 911 Cabriolet, red, power top, spoilers, alloy rims, cd, \$18,500 obo. 446-2545

### Vehicle Accessories

Ford Mustang GT Bullitt wheels/tires, 245/45-17, 5 lug, \$800. 437-4921  
Kumho Ecsta Supra tires, 205/40Z R17, \$300 obo. 966-9216  
1986-97 Toyota/Nissan tonneau cover, black, short bed, \$50. 451-2439

### Trailers/Boats/Campers

1967 2-horse trailer, no brakes, \$700 obo. 437-1327

### Pets/Pet Accessories

Aquarium, 29gal, wood stand, \$70 obo. 437-3545  
Rabbit cage, large, \$10. 437-1327

### House/Room for Sale/Rent

House for sale in Dixon, 3br/2ba, 2-car garage, landscaped, wood floors, alarm. 693-0714  
Room for rent in Lawler Ranch, furnished, phone jack, \$500/mo + dep. 426-5670

### Lost

BMX Mongoose kid's bike, last seen by park near 515 Twin Peaks, reward. 437-1327  
Cat, spayed, coon/tortoise shell mix, shots, box trained, free. 344-4837  
Chinchillas (2), lt gray, 5' cage, \$300. 437-3784  
Tabby cat, female, black/gray/orange, front declawed, spayed, last seen near family TLF. 437-4459

## SWAP AD TIPS

Swap Ads are a free service designed to give the base community a way to buy, sell or trade items. The following tips should make using the Swap Ads easier.

◆ Describe the product with the **facts only**, save the sales pitch for later. Phrases like "Brand New," "Must See," "Runs Good," and other subjective descriptions will not be printed. What is "brand new" to one person may not be to another person. The *Tailwind* reserves the right to alter any add for clarification, continuity or brevity.

◆ Write legibly. If it can't be read, it will not be run. The *Tailwind* staff does not have time to call and clarify ads that are not legible.

◆ Always include a home phone number. **Duty phone numbers will not be printed.** Only one phone number will be printed per ad.

◆ **Yard sales must contain date, time and location.** It is not the responsibility of the *Tailwind* staff to track down this information. Individual items will not be printed for yard sales.

◆ Ads should be dropped off in Bldg. 51 at the Public Affairs office. **We do not accept ads by fax, phone call or e-mail.**

◆ The **deadline for the free Swap Ad service is Monday at noon.** Ads are printed on a space-available basis and will be edited for size.

◆ Swap ads are not automatically run each week after the first appearance. **Ads must be re-submitted each week.**

If you miss the deadline or request that an ad be printed exactly as written, it might be worth calling the Daily Republic for a paid classified ad. Their number is 425-4646. If you have questions, please **CALL 424-2011.**

## Tailwind Free Swap Ad

To place a free classified ad, you must be military, civil service, retired or a family member. Complete the following form and leave it in the drop box at the 60th AMW Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 51, on Brennan Circle (next to the Travis Air Museum). The **DEADLINE IS NOON MONDAY** for the following Friday's issue. There is a maximum of 25 words and two ads per household per week. All ads must be legible. No ads for money-making businesses or the sale of firearms or firearm accessories will be accepted.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 'PharmASSIST' upgrades effecting DGMC pharmacy, BX window service

By Jim Spellman  
60th Medical Group/Public Affairs

Progress by David Grant Medical Center's pharmacy staff is currently continuing under an Air Force-wide upgrade via renovation and improvement to equipment used to fill and verify prescriptions. The new system, called 'PharmASSIST,' is requiring us to process prescriptions in a completely different manner than patients and staff are normally accustomed to at DGMC," stated Maj. Paul Hoerner, Chief of Pharmacy Operations.

The sole purpose of PharmASSIST is to improve patient safety via the prescription filling process. The value of avoiding a medication error is priceless and this new equipment will add a very significant layer of protection.

"At present, the pharmacy fills all prescriptions as soon as possible once they are typed in by our providers, delaying patients who are waiting behind those who are not," Hoerner explained. "Under PharmASSIST, live patient information must be gathered and entered into the system's safeguards before prescriptions are processed."

For this new process to work effectively, patients visiting DGMC will now have to check in

at the pharmacy window after their appointment in order to begin the filling process.

"We anticipate some longer wait times in the short term until the pharmacy staff, clinic staff and patients become accustomed to the new process," Hoerner explained. "However, The upgrade will incorporate the latest state-of-the-art technology to improve overall patient safety."

The second in a series of renovations will begin on March 24 at the second floor hospital pharmacy and the BX pharmacy. The second floor pharmacy will install the actual PharmASSIST equipment while the BX will be making changes to workflow in preparation for their PharmASSIST equipment installation in early April.

In the meantime, Drop-Off and Pick-Up procedures at the BX pharmacy will change on March 24. New prescriptions will now be dropped off and processed at windows one and two. Call-In refill prescriptions can be picked up at windows five and six. New prescriptions can still be picked up at window four.

"We greatly appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this upgrade," Hoerner added. "Once everyone has become accustomed to the new system, we believe that everyone will appreciate the benefits of the new system."

For more information, call 423-7109.

### Gen. Doolittle's copilot visits Travis



Arielle Kohn / Visual Information

Retired Lt. Col. Dick Cole, right, one of the famous Doolittle Raiders, attends a meeting at the Travis Air Museum with his business manager Tom Casey.

# 'Flying Sergeants' helped forge Air Force

By 2nd Lt. Amber Millerchip  
 Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS — They were not paid much, their opportunities for promotion were limited, and they were treated harshly in training, but that did not stop three generations of enlisted aviators from becoming pilots in the Army Air Corps.

Beginning in 1912, enlisted pilots played an important role in writing the aviation history being celebrated this year during the Centennial of Flight.

These enlisted pilots were known as "flying sergeants" for the staff sergeant rank they received upon graduation from flight training irrespective of their previous rank. Enlisted men seized this once-in-a-lifetime chance to fly, said retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Edward Wenglar, a former enlisted pilot.

"I was born the tenth child of a sharecropper and, at that time, there was no one lower than a

sharecropper," Wenglar said. "I went from driving a mule to flying the newest (aircraft). It was quite a step. We never thought about whether we wanted to be an enlisted pilot or an officer pilot. We just wanted to be pilots, and we would gladly have stayed privates forever just to have the chance to fly."

Wenglar, who served overseas during World War II from November 1942 through July 1944, holds the distinction of achieving the highest rank of any former enlisted pilot. In February 2003, at the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Hall at Gunter Annex, Ala., he accepted a memorial stone on behalf of all enlisted pilots.

In Lee Arbon's book about enlisted pilots, "They Also Flew," Chief Master Sgt. Wayne Fisk compared pilots to precious stones, with the shiniest of all U.S. aviation achievements being those of the sergeant pilot.

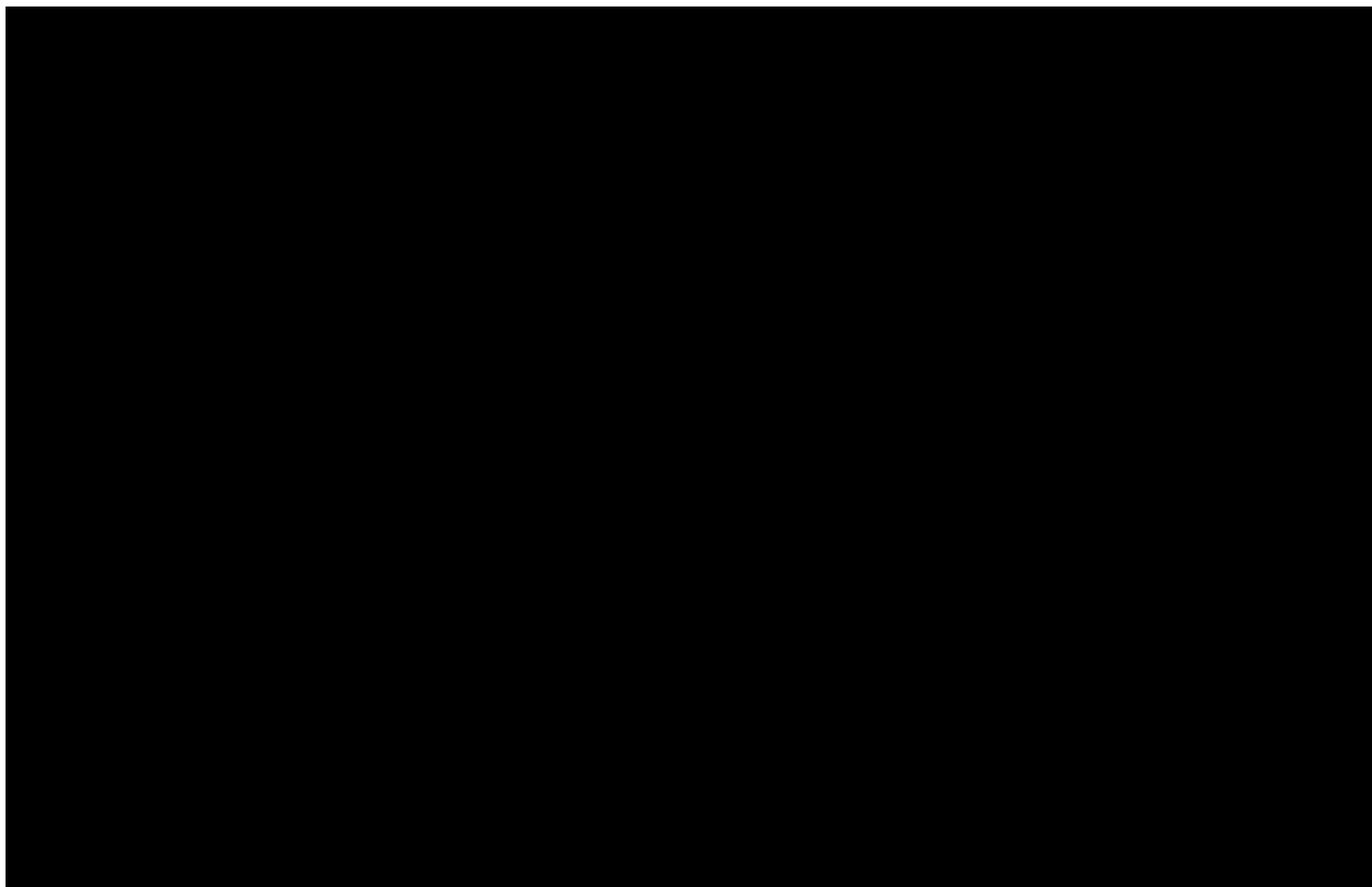
Allowing enlisted airmen to earn their wings as pilots was a tempo-



Courtesy photo

Walter Beech, co-founder of Beech Aircraft Corporation, was an early enlisted pilot who achieved notoriety. He was a World War I pilot and later became a member of the National Aviation Hall of Fame.

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rary response to drastic shortages of qualified pilot candidates during wartime. Two Congressional laws authorized the training: the Air Corps Act of 1926 and Public Law 99, which went into effect in 1941. Public Law 99 reduced the education requirement, making the average age of the sergeant pilot between 18 and 22, younger than most pilot training cadets with a college education.

Enlisted pilot training in the late 1920s initially was informal, practical in nature and not a product of the flying schools, which developed in the early 1940s with World War II enlisted pilots.

Instead, Arbon said, "If fortunate enough, these early, World War I enlisted pilots grew up in the local organization learning under a generous officer in their unit. For the initial enlisted pilots, the World War I generation, many came out of the ranks of mechanics to become successful pilots."

An enlisted man's opportunity to train to fly was many times luck of the draw, Arbon said. Such was the case in 1912 for Cpl. Vernon Burge, the first enlisted pilot, who was a mechanic accepted into pilot training.

Arbon who attended pilot training in 1942, recalled, "Training conditions were fiercely competitive, attrition was very high, half of us were cut after the medical physical, and only one fourth made it out of training."

Enlisted pilot candidates trained six days a week in class or in the air and spent Sundays doing drill, Wenglar said. One of his strongest memories was training in the hot July sunshine in Arizona with tempera-

tures in the hundreds, which made the flight line surface even hotter.

"While waiting your turn to fly, the instructors would order us to complete one push-up after another, our hands burning," he said. "When we couldn't do any more push-ups, the instructors would make us (get on our backs and) hold our feet up six inches from the ground. Looking back, it's amazing we got through. They worked hard to wash us out, especially considering they needed us so badly."

According to Wenglar, enlisted pilots flew in 22 campaigns from the Mexican-American War to World War II.

"Name a combat plane or theater and you'll find a number of sergeant pilots in each of those units," Arbon said. "We did everything. It took us a long time to acquaint the world to the fact that we did indeed exist. When we did get acknowledged, people realized we had done a grand job."

The enlisted pilots were high achievers in the Air Force and beyond.

"Our careers as enlisted pilots made us better men and gave us opportunities later in the civilian world that we never would have been offered," Wenglar said. "Many of us went on to become airline pilots, doctors and educators. We destroyed a total of 249.5 enemy planes, and five out of seven men in charge of air transport systems went on to become commanders of troop carriers in Europe, the Pacific and the Middle East."

Seventeen enlisted pilots became fighter aces, and 11 became general officers. Many sergeant pilots' heroic deeds and accomplishments reached historic signifi-

cance.

Walter Beech, co-founder of Beech Aircraft Corporation, was one of the early enlisted pilots who achieved notoriety. He was a World War I pilot and became a member of the National Aviation Hall of Fame. Bob Hoover, a World War II pilot, is also listed in the Aviation Hall of Fame and is considered one of the great test pilots of all time.

Ralph Bottriel earned the Distinguished Flying Cross for his work with parachutes. Two enlisted pilots, Ira Biffle and Bill Winston, taught Charles Lindbergh.

During World War II, 30 staff sergeant pilots flew transport missions in the China-Burma-India Theater, delivering supplies and people over the treacherous Himalaya Mountains better known as the "Hump."

The opportunity for enlisted men to become pilots ended in late 1942 with the Flight Officer Act. This law replaced the program's sergeant pilot rank with the warrant officer rank, which was also eventually done away with. Retired Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager, famous for breaking the sound barrier, was in the last class of the enlisted pilot program when it was replaced. The following year, all sergeant pilots received orders to be promoted to the new "Flight Officer" rank.

Following World War II, George Holmes chose to revert to his former rank of master sergeant and served as the Air Force's last enlisted pilot until his retirement in 1957, according to the U.S. Air Force Museum.

To learn more about the history of the enlisted pilot, visit the Air Force Enlisted Heritage Research Institute Web site at [www.au.af.mil/au/cepme/heritage/homepage.htm](http://www.au.af.mil/au/cepme/heritage/homepage.htm).

## Travis on Guard



Kristina Cilia / Visual Information

Army National Guard members were officially welcomed to Travis on March 18 at the Travis Air Museum. More than 100 California ANG are assigned to Travis to augment the 60th Security Forces Squadron.

# Prenatal dental care improves health

**Capt. Eric Smith**  
60th Dental Squadron

This may seem premature, but expectant mothers can begin to care for a child's teeth before delivery. Let's start by saying congratulations, especially if you are reading this article and expecting a baby soon. There are a few simple things pregnant women can do to improve their child's prenatal dental health.

Pregnancy is an important time. Not only is a pregnant woman busy with daily life but she must also care for her personal health needs as well as her child's. Usually, teeth are the last thing on an pregnant woman's mind but they are still an important part of development.

A child's baby teeth begin to form at six weeks in utero, and permanent teeth form about the twelfth week. The most important thing a pregnant woman can do to protect a child's teeth is avoid Tetracycline, an antibiotic. Tetracycline causes discoloration and defects in the enamel of a baby's teeth if taken during the last three months of pregnancy, and is a defect that will be seen in the permanent teeth. All prescribing physicians and dentists are aware of this but — you — are the best defense. A physician should monitor all drugs taken during a pregnancy.

Expectant mothers may also have a tendency to snack a great deal. Many moms will consume sweet, sticky foods all the time, day and night. Be aware that this will make someone more susceptible to tooth decay. Remember to eat a well-balanced diet because you're responsible for providing the necessary nutrients for you and your child.

Additionally, hormonal changes during pregnancy can cause gums to swell and bleed. If it becomes a problem, see a dentist. Most importantly, make sure to keep up oral hygiene. Although you may be tired, always brush at least twice a day and after snacking, and floss before bed time.



## New community assessment survey designed to help service members

Travis Family Support Center

The Travis Integrated Delivery System Working Group is sponsoring the 2003 Community Assessment Survey of service members and spouses. The information collected from this Survey will be used to assist the Family Support Center, Family Advocacy Program, Health and Wellness Center, Life Skills Centers, Family Member Programs and Chaplains to improve services designed to meet the needs of service members and their families.

Air Force service members and their spouses at Air Force bases worldwide will be randomly selected to participate in the study. A notification letter that includes a link to the Web-based survey will be sent out to the work email address of each service member selected to participate. Participation is crucial to

the success of the project. Selected service members are strongly urged to take part.

The 2003 Community Assessment Survey is the best way for leadership to listen to service members and then provide services to help them meet their needs and the needs of their family. It allows service members and spouses to express their opinions anonymously so participants can respond openly and honestly to issues that affect them every day.

Survey responses can directly influence family services and related support activities at local bases and throughout the Air Force. In fact, results from previous Air Force Community Assessments have impacted the policies and programs that support families at every level of the Air Force, to include:

- » Expanding financial counseling programs to members and their families.

- » Develop a user-friendly support network for AF single parents.

- » Set up marriage support seminars for junior enlisted members and their spouses.

- » Adjusting childcare and other support services to better match the needs of the community.

- » Increasing opportunities to socialize and participate in on- and off-base activities.

- » Increasing job opportunities for AF spouses.

- » Increasing spouse-to-spouse support, especially during times when service member is deployed or TDY.

The 2003 Community Assessment Survey provides service members and spouses an opportunity to improve the Air Force Community.

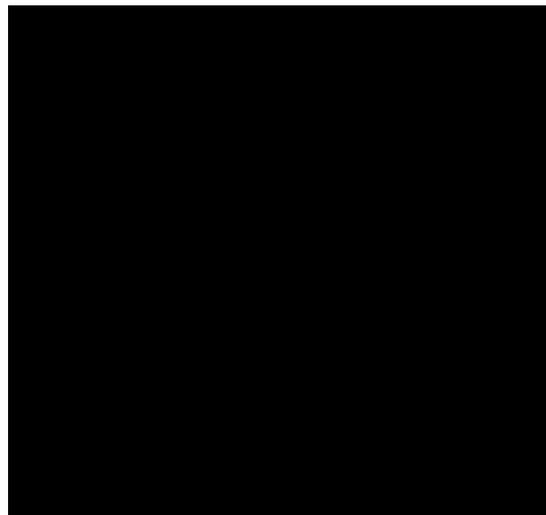
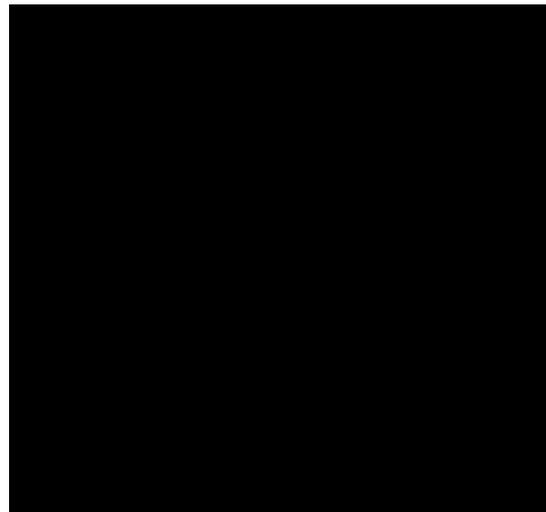
For more information, contact Maj. John Leitnaker at 424-0058.

### Tunnel vision



Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez / AFPN

Joseph Colley goes through the tunnel on the playground at Bolling Air Force Base, D.C. Facilities such as playgrounds, bowling alleys, dining facilities and other recreational facilities on Air Force bases will be covered by the Air Force Assessment.





Hit the ground running ...

Staff Sgt. Jeremy Lock / AFPN

Combat controllers practice firing movements on the range at a forward-deployed location supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Air Force combat controller teams are trained to conduct and support special operations under clandestine, covert or low-visibility conditions.

## TRAVIS CHAPEL

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND NEWS

### Catholic services

- » Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m., communion service or Mass, Chapel Center.
- » Thursday, noon, Catholic communion service, DGMC Chapel.
- » Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m., confessions, Chapel One.
- » Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.
- » Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Chapel One.
- » Sunday, 9 a.m., children's liturgy of the Word, Chapel One.
- » Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center.

### Protestant services

- » Friday, noon, 30-minute worship service, DGMC Chapel.
- » Sunday, 8 a.m., praise and worship service, Chapel Center.
- » Sunday, 10:30 a.m., community worship service, Chapel Center. Nursery class for kids 3 months to 3 years.
- » Sunday, 11 a.m., community Gospel service, Chapel One.

### Contemporary services

**Inside Out** — Sundays at 5 p.m. at the Chapel Center. A children's program is provided. For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Herb Shao at 424-3 943.

### Wicca services

Classes are held at various locations and times. E-mail beltane@prodigy.net for current information.

### Chapel News

#### Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will hold its annual St. Patrick Day's dinner and dance March 22 at 6 p.m. at Holy Spirit Gym. The cost is \$15 per person for the traditional corn beef and cabbage dinner. Funds raised for this event will go to the retired priests and sisters funds. Tickets can be purchased from any Knights of Columbus, or through Larry Mastin at 447-9831.

#### Lent Schedule

- » Protestant Lenten lunch, April 16, noon, Chapel One.
- » Protestant Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m., Chapel Center
- » Catholic Holy Thursday, April 17, 7 p.m., Chapel One
- » Protestant Good Friday Tenebrae service, April 18, 8 p.m., Chapel Center
- » Catholic Good Friday, April 18, noon, Chapel Center, (Stations of the Cross), 3 p.m., Chapel One (Passion of Christ)

# SHINING STAR

## AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

FROM THE BEST OF TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE



1st Lt. Angela Arredondo / 60th AAW Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. James Ting reviews an Individual Training Record with Staff Sgt. Eric Heaton. Ting runs the training program for the 60th Contracting Squadron.

### Teamwork, training pays off for top NCO

Handling millions of dollars in government funding is a huge responsibility of Staff Sgt. James Ting, a contract specialist from the 60th Contracting Squadron here. However, his most important responsibility — training airmen in his squadron — is even more valuable.

"He runs the training program for the whole squadron and makes sure training documents are up-to-date. We have a lot of re-trainers in our career field and he has to train many people who may know nothing about contracting. But he is a real 'people person' and very patient," said Master Sgt. Thomas Keller, 60th Contracting Squadron.



AIR MOBILITY  
COMMAND

In addition to training, Ting also utilizes his extensive job knowledge and experience to help his unit succeed. Born in the Philippines, Ting enlisted into the Air Force Mar. 14, 1994. He arrived at Travis in November 2001.

"The most rewarding part of my job is when I see the squadron come together as a team and achieve our goals. This is mostly evident during the end of each fiscal year when we work long hours together trying to satisfy all our customer's requirements by the Sept. 30 deadline," Ting said.

Ting has earned a Contracting Officer's warrant and has obligated the government on approximately 470 actions valued at \$9.1 million. He has served as a contracting officer for nine different buyers. Additionally, he is the alternate Unit Deployment Manager and fitness monitor.

"He is very knowledgeable and he passes that knowledge on to younger troops. If people have a question about contracting, he is the man they go to," Keller said.

Ting is married to Staff Sgt. Renee Ting, a substance abuse counselor at the base hospital here. To nominate a shining star contact 1st Lt. Angela Arredondo at 424-0134.

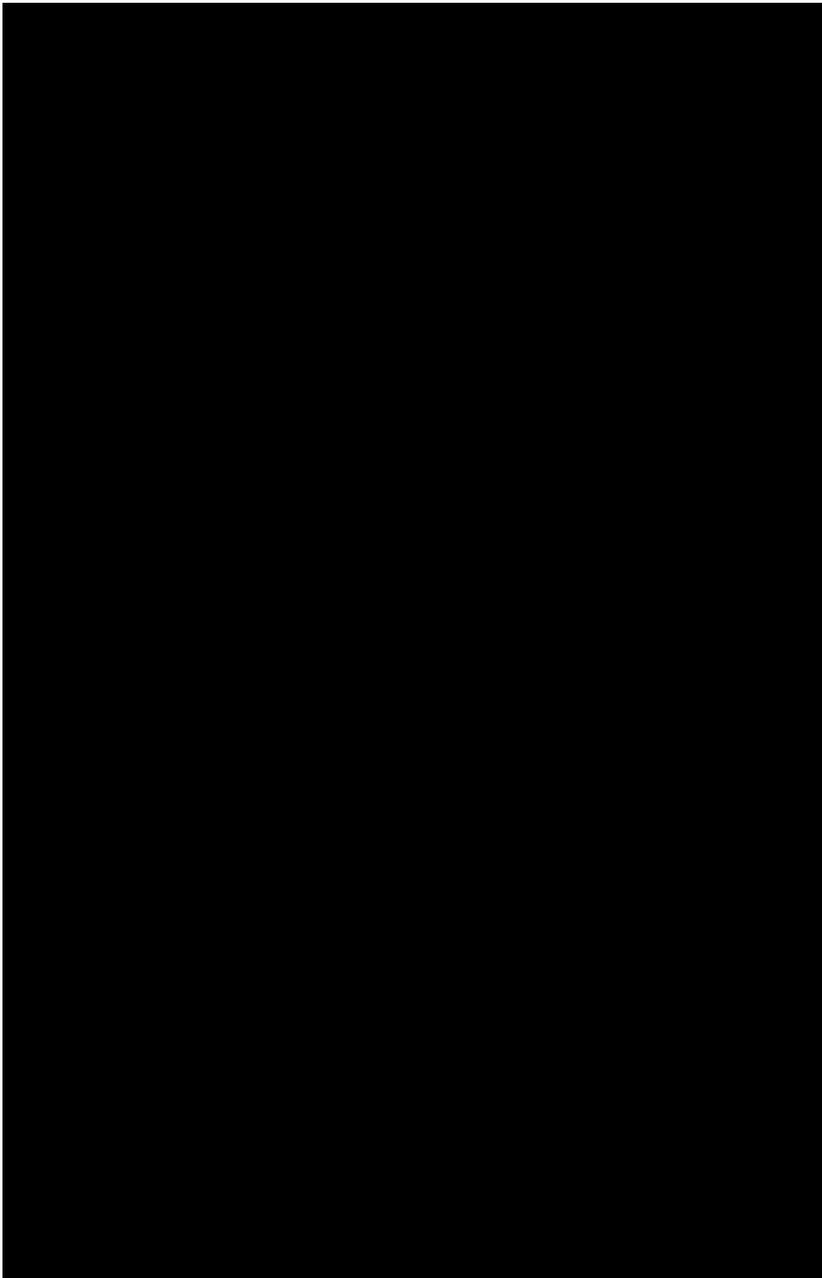
## Travis construction update

Palomar Paving and Grading will be doing the following work on Travis Blvd between Burgan and Oregon Streets:

- » Demolition of curb and gutter, which includes sidewalk removal in the area where the new hotel will be constructed
- » Removal of unsuitable soil
- » Relocation of utilities such as electrical and light poles
- » Installation of base material

» Removal of four trees  
Buildings three and four, Passenger Terminal and Base Operations:

- » Continue demolition work and forming for planters
- » First five of ten planters will be poured this week. All the planters will be poured by the Friday
- » Patio area stamped concrete will be poured this week



# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

## Announcements

### Outdoor trips

There are many trips scheduled for the snow and water this spring, but most Outdoor Adventure Program trips require advance registration and a pre-trip meeting. Don't wait until the last minute, stop by Outdoor Recreation to sign up for the next ski, snow hike, sea kayaking or backpacking trip.

### Ground school

Ground school classes at the Aero Club begin April 22 with 100 percent tuition assistance available for active-duty military. Call Aero Club manager Joey Hefferon at 437-3470 for more information.

### Lifeguards needed

The Travis Aquatic Center opens on Memorial Day weekend and student lifeguards are needed. High school and college students age 16 and older may apply. Call Kalena Tillery at Human Resources at 424-3913 for more information.

### Squadron fundraiser

Squadron booster clubs and other private organizations can earn \$600 to \$1,000, helping the Delta Breeze Club sell advance tickets to upcoming events at the club. Call Charles Thomas at 437-3711 for more information.

## Services

### Saturday

▲ The Delta Breeze Club Late Niter begins at 10 p.m. Admission is \$6, but the Members First price is \$2.

### Tuesday

▲ It's Officers Membership Appreciation Night at the DBC from 6 to 8 p.m. There is a free buffet dinner for the member. The spouse or one guest and dependents 13 and older pay \$5, but children 12 and under are free.

### Wednesday

▲ Bowl from 3 to 5 p.m. at Travis Bowl for \$5 per person. Shoe rental is included in the fee and bumper bowling is available. Call 437-4737 for details.

## Thursday

▲ It's Enlisted Membership Appreciation Night at the DBC with seatings at 5 p.m. and a free buffet dinner for enlisted members at 7 p.m. The spouse or one guest and dependents 13 and older pay \$5, but children 12 and under are free.

## Family Support

### Monday

▲ Spouse Employment Orientation is from 9 to 10 a.m. for newly arrived spouses. Topics include employment and career development programs at the Family Support Center. Call 424-2486.

### Tuesday

▲ The FSC Readiness NCO will conduct deployment briefings for personnel tasked for deployment or TDY, at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Call 424-2486 for reservations. Those unable to make scheduled briefings, can call to arrange for a one-on-one briefing.

▲ Employment Interviewing Skills I is at the FSC from 8 a.m. to noon. Topics include interviewing techniques answering difficult questions. Call 424-2486.

## Thursday

▲ Informed Decisions is from 8 a.m. to noon. It is a mandatory seminar for all first- and second-term enlisted personnel within 15 months of separation from the Air Force. Topics include AF benefits, retraining, TRICARE and Guard and Reserve opportunities. Call 424-2486.

▲ The Cal-Vet home loans seminar is from 10 to 11 a.m. at the FSC. Call 424-2486.

▲ The FSC Readiness NCO will conduct a deployment briefing, for personnel tasked for deployment or TDY, at 2 p.m. Call 424-2486 for reservations. Those unable to make scheduled briefings, can call to arrange for a one-on-one briefing.

## Weekly

▲ Nonresident members of the U.S. Armed Forces who register their vehicles in California are exempt from the vehicle license fee. To qualify, the service member must be the owner

## Cruising for a vacation



Linda Mann-Ilames / 60th Services Squadron

Leisure Travel, located in the Outdoor Recreation office on Ellis Drive, offers special deals and military rates on cruises, all-inclusive resorts, air fare, rental cars, hotel stays and more. Call Georgie Ellis or Beth May at 424-0971 for more information or log onto [www.aftouronline.com](http://www.aftouronline.com).

or co-owner of the vehicle and be stationed in California, or the vehicle must be located in California. Form REG256 must be completed to establish this exemption. Forms may be obtained on the Internet at: [www.dmv.ca.gov/forms/reg256.pdf](http://www.dmv.ca.gov/forms/reg256.pdf), or at the FSC. For more details, call 424-2486.

The Air Force Aid Society pays for an 18-point safety inspection, oil and lube for the primary vehicle used by the spouse of an active-duty member who is TDY, deployed or serving a remote tour for 30 days or longer. Spouses whose sponsor is TDY or deployed for 90 nonconsecutive days per year are also eligible. Eligible individuals can pick up a voucher at the FSC. First-term airmen at their first duty station also receive a voucher for this care during the financial briefing at the First Term Airmen's Center, if they present their orders at the briefing. For more information, call the FSC at 424-2486.

The Air Force Aid Society will pay for up to 20 hours of free child care (per child) for all

ranks of active-duty AF with PCS orders in to Travis or departing from Travis. The care is available within 60 days of arrival or departure. Child care is in licensed family child care homes on Travis. Certificates are issued by the relocation staff at the FSC. For information, call 424-2486.

## Family Advocacy

### Playgroups

Playgroups are for parents and their children and are held at the Chapel One Annex on First Street. The first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month, the playgroups meet at the Duck Pond for a stroller stroll. During rainy weather they meet at the McDonald's on the second floor of Solano Mall. The Toddlers Playgroup is Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. for children age 18 months to 3 years. Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. is the Time For Us Playgroup, for children 3 to 5. Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. is the Rattles To Raspberries Playgroup, for infants up to 18 months old.

Parents can network with

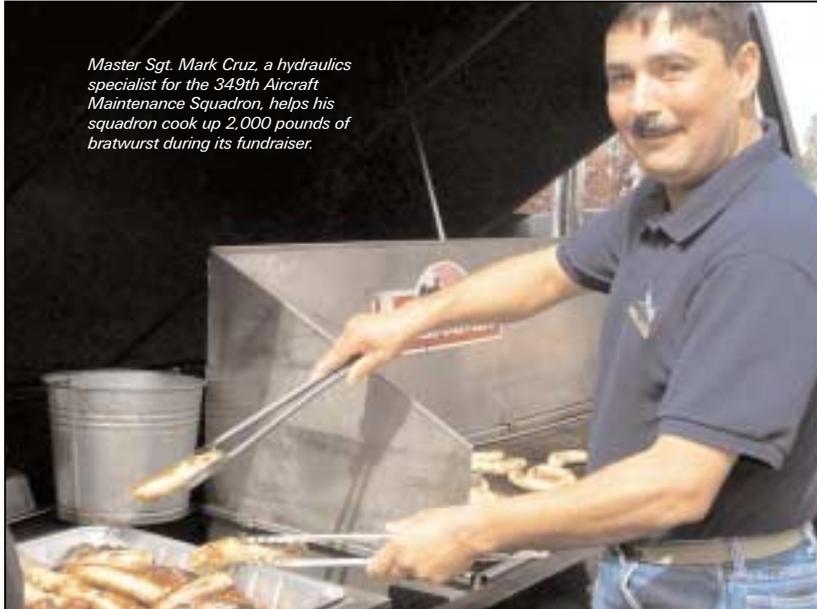
other parents while their children enjoy crafts, guest speakers, music and free play. Registration is not necessary. For more information call 423-5168.

## Dads boot camp

Boot Camp for new Dads is a program in which veterans (new fathers who bring their babies) show rookies (fathers-to-be) the ropes of fatherhood. The program is for men only. The program is currently recruiting new dads whose wives are expecting and rookie dads whose wives have just had a baby. Classes are held quarterly. For more information, call 423-5168.

## Parenting classes

Parenting classes are offered as a six-week program geared toward parents of children 3 and older. Topics include peer pressure, corrective teaching, preventing problems before they occur, family meetings, and stopping problem behavior. Classes are held at David Grant Medical Center. Call the Family Advocacy office to register at 423-5168.



Master Sgt. Mark Cruz, a hydraulics specialist for the 349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, helps his squadron cook up 2,000 pounds of bratwurst during its fundraiser.

Courtesy photo

## Volunteers grilled

### To raise funds for squadron booster club

By Nancy O'Neill

Public Affairs, Defense Commissary Western Pacific Region

Cooking up two thousand pounds of bratwurst on the World's Largest Touring Grill was not how Master Sgt. Leslie Yu of the 349th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron thought he'd be spending the afternoon — but the cause was good, and that was enough to convince him and eleven other reservists to volunteer for the job.

The 349th AMS is an all reserve squadron based at Travis. Their mission is to maintain C-5A/B and KC-10A aircraft. More than 70 of the 299 squadron members have been activated to full time duty. The bratwurst sale was a lunchtime fundraising event for the squadron's booster club.

"Proceeds from the sale will support squadron functions like our annual family appreciation day," said Yu. "With so many reservists activated right now, we want to make it a great event for the families."

Also grilling was Master Sgt. Mark Cruz, a hydraulics specialist for the 349th. Cruz personally knows the hardships families endure when a reservist is activated to full time duty. He normally lives in Fresno, where he is a forklift mechanic for a Gray Lift Clark dealership, and he travels to Travis one weekend a month to fulfill his reserve duty. Cruz is currently serving his second back-to-back year of full time active duty. Since February, 2001, Cruz has lived at Travis while his wife and children remain 210 miles away in Fresno. Despite any personal hardships he and his family have endured, Cruz says he is proud to serve his country.

"The 349th will do well with this fundraising event because of the generous donations from commissary partners," said Mitch Kennerly,

Travis commissary store director. "Nearly all the food, condiments and supplies were donated."

"With almost 280 stores in 14 countries, during times of peace and during times of conflict, commissaries will be there to take care of military families," said Richard Page, Defense Commissary Agency Western/Pacific Region director. Commissaries sell groceries and household products to military shoppers at a 30 percent savings over commercial grocery stores. That savings can become even more important to families when they are geographically separated."

Driver and tour manager Patrick Dennis said the touring grill, which is owned by Johnsonville Sausage, is sixty-five feet long, houses four grills, has hot and cold running water and contains a refrigeration unit that holds up to 7,000 pounds of sausage.

Evelyn Kraski, a customer service representative with Lockheed Martin, was in line to buy lunch because she said she wanted to help the reservists too. "I was active duty, and when people showed their support for causes like this it was nice. I want to help someone else now."

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of nearly 280 commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families. Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5 percent surcharge, which covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices — savings worth more than \$2,400 annually for a family of four. A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women.

### Does work have you stressed out?



The Health and Wellness Center has stress-relieving massage chairs available by appointment or walk-ins. Call **424-4332**.

## Great idea earns cash for airman



Senior Airman Nicholas Olson / 60th AMW Public Affairs

*Airman 1st Class Estefania Perez, a Medical Technician in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at DGMC, demonstrates the preparation of the money-saving catheter, an innovation she submitted to the IDEA program.*

**By Senior Airman Nicole Watt**  
60th AMW Public Affairs

Imagine getting paid for coming up with a great idea. Airman 1st Class Estefania Perez, medical technician, 60th Medical Operations Squadron here at David Grant Medical Center did just that by submitting an Air Force Form 1000 to the Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program.

Perez is saving the Air Force \$35,767 a year for her suggestion to order Foley Catheterization Tray kits that contain all the right materials. By submitting her suggestion to the IDEA program, she'll be receiving more than \$5,300 as a reward.

Since her arrival on base in June, Perez noticed that the catheter bag contained in the tray was being discarded for an alternative bag that had a urine meter attached.

"I was in clinicals when I noticed we were using two bags instead of one," Perez said. "The extra bag was in perfectly good condition, but we had to throw it away because it wasn't sterile anymore."

"I was sure that others had been thinking the same thing that I was," she said. So, with the IDEA program as an incentive, Perez began her search for a more cost-effective alternative in July of 2002."

Perez first heard about the IDEA program in basic training and then again in technical school. "I always knew it was out there," she said.

"I kept my investigation a secret until I sent in the submission," Perez said. "I did research on my own on the Internet and noticed there was a kit available that had everything we needed in it. "The hardest part was coordinating with other members of the unit to get accurate numbers," Perez said.

By Dec. 2002 Perez had submitted her suggestion to Tech. Sgt. Tammy Shumate, IDEA program manager, 60th Manpower and Organization, via the IDEA Intranet web page.

"I thought Perez's IDEA would go through," Shumate said. "She included dollar figures in her submission. You could see there was a savings."

"The response came almost immediately," Perez said.

According to Perez, Capt. Ronald Jones, acting OIC, 60th Medical Operations Squadron, would come in on his days off to check his e-mail for updates on the submission. Jones was also the one who had to evaluate the submission to make sure the information was legitimate.

After Jones approved the IDEA, it went to Perez's supervisor Tech. Sgt. Kathleen Sepulveda, medical technician, 60th Medical Operations Squadron, for further approval.

The submission was then sent back to the IDEA office to certify the savings and to prepare the financial paperwork to obtain Perez's check.

"I hoped the idea would go through because I knew there would be a substantial savings," Perez said.

Perez is just waiting to get her well-deserved reward. "I'll be completely debt free!" she exclaimed. Perez plans on paying off her credit card bills with the reward.

Along with the check, Perez will receive a letter and certificate of appreciation from the IDEA office.

Perez also had some advice for other young airmen who have great ideas, but might be holding back because of their rank or inexperience. "I just made Airman 1st Class in January. It doesn't matter what your rank is. Don't worry - just put your ideas out there. What's the worst that could happen?," Perez said.

Have a great idea? Submit it through the base Intranet at <https://w3.travis.af.mil/manpower/ideaprogram.html>, or call the IDEA office at 424-1583.

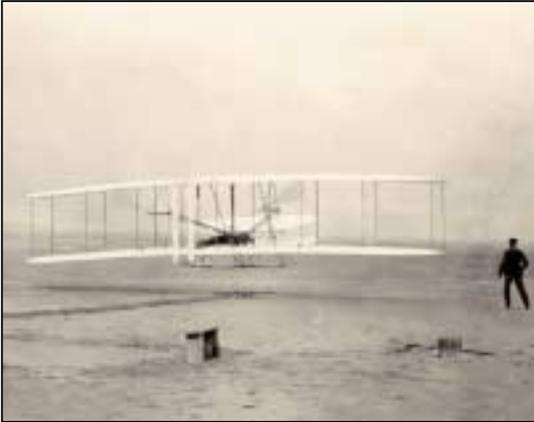


**Donate blood at DGMC**

- Tuesdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
walk-ins and schedules appointments
- Mondays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
scheduled appointments
- Wednesdays, 8 to 10 a.m.  
scheduled appointments

To make an appointment, call Tina Curtis at 423-7766.

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Orville and Wilbur Wright finally make their historic first flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, Dec. 17, 1903.

Wright brothers were teaching military airmen to fly, and the future Air Force leader was their fourth pupil. His instructor was Al Welsh. Arnold, a second lieutenant, flew from a cow pasture at Simms Station, N.C., on May 3, 1911. Before taking off, he asked Welsh about the man with the black derby sitting the wagon at the edge of the field.

"That's the local undertaker," Welch replied. "He comes out every day and drives back empty. Let's keep it that way."

After 28 flights and three hours and 48 minutes in the air, an average of eight minutes per flight, Arnold was an aviator. Most of the early aviators received similar training. It was crude and dangerous, but for those early pioneers it was their ticket to the clouds.

**Other early pioneers**

Modern aviation owes its success to pioneers willing to take risks during the wild and woolly days of aviation. The list of pioneers is a long one, but includes World War I aces Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, 1st Lt. George Vaughn and 2nd Lt. Frank Luke; transatlantic fliers Capt. Charles Lindbergh, Glenn Curtiss, Wiley Post, Amelia Earhart and countless daredevil speed racers, barnstormers, industrialists and politicians, all of whom romanticized aviation and grabbed the headlines with their daring exploits.

These risk takers were important in helping further the cause of aviation, but it was another group of aviation pioneers who emerged and gave the fledgling air corps its wings. Their vision shaped aviation and some of them would be the

founding fathers of the future Air Force. They weren't the fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants kind of adventurers; they were visionaries - just as adventurous and willing to take risks - but with different goals. They wanted to give America its own Air Force. This list included Benny Foulois, Tooley Spaatz, Ira Eaker, Pete Quesada and Arnold. It also included the most influential, and flamboyant, of the early proponents of military aviation, Brig. Gen. Billy Mitchell. From this core of luminaries, the Air Force dream was born.

There were others who played major roles in building military aviation. Jimmy Doolittle, who led the Tokyo Raiders on the first attack on the Japanese homeland in World War II; Claire Chennault, who turned a band of roughneck pilots into the fabled Flying Tigers; and Benjamin O. Davis Jr., who overcame incredible odds to ensure black airmen could serve their country.

There was risk in what they did. Amazingly, most were ordinary people - except for their desire to further aviation.

They were people who, when "confronted with a truly difficult situation, used experience, brains and nerve" to overcome the challenges, Horner said.

Horner has taken some risks himself. He was in the Air Force for 36 years and flew more than 100 combat missions over North Vietnam. In the Persian Gulf War, he commanded U.S. and allied air operations.

"We were expected to take risks," Horner said. That made his airmen and their units more effective. "We'd consider ourselves failures, not for making mistakes, but for not trying."

Horner retired in September 1994 as commander of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Space Command.

No one was more adept at risk taking than Mitchell. He was the chief advocate of a strong and modern air corps. He argued tirelessly for a strong air defense and proposed that the airplane would one day replace the Navy's fleet as America's first line of defense. He also saw the airplane as a strategic weapon that could take the fight to the enemy's heartland.

"The advent of air power, which can go straight to the vital centers and either neutralize or destroy them, has put a completely new complexion on the old system of making war," Mitchell said before World War II. "It is now realized that the hostile main army in the field is a false objective, and the real objectives are the vital centers."

Mitchell paid the price for his ceaseless campaign for American air power. The Army court martialled him, but his prophecy was on the mark during World War II - and all succeeding conflicts.

A forward thinker, Mitchell said in the development of air power, "one has to look ahead and not backward and figure out what is going to happen."

Arnold learned about air combat from Mitchell and shared his mentor's dream. Arnold forged a direction and mission for the Air Force and had the foresight to build strong ties with the scientific and industrial groups that supported the infant air corps. He continued the charge started by Mitchell for a separate Air Force, which he considered vital for national defense.

"A modern, autonomous and thoroughly trained Air Force in being at all times will not alone be sufficient, but without it there can be no national security," he said.

The Air Corps, and later Army Air Forces, got a chance to prove its mettle in World War II. That's where Arnold, Spaatz and Eaker defined the Air Force's role; it's where they garnered support for a separate Air Force after the war.

Arnold continued to lead the post-war Army Air Forces before retiring in 1946. Spaatz, who commanded the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe during the war, took his place. With Eaker, whose forte was building a strong force structure and organizational plans for the post-war Air Force, he continued the quest for a separate Air Force.

**A separate force**

The National Security Act of 1947 created a separate Air Force on Sept. 17, 1947. Spaatz became the Air Force's first chief of staff eight days later. Two years later, President Harry Truman appointed Arnold the first and only five-star general of the Air Force.

Many of the early pioneers lived to see a separate Air Force, but it was left to the airmen trained by those pioneers to carry on the work of building a strategic Air Force. They contended with a different challenge - taking the Air Force into the jet, and later the space, age. Generals like Hoyt Vandenberg and Curtis LeMay defined the Air Force's role.

The new Air Force had its share of risk takers, like Chuck Yeager. A World War II ace, Yeager became a test pilot and was the first man to break the sound barrier. He was part of the new breed of airmen, the kind the Air Force needed to build a separate image. Though he took risks, Yeager said he never concentrated on them.

"You concentrate on results," he said, because, "in the business we're in, you only get one mistake, and, unfortunately, you don't get to learn from it."

Yeager had "the right stuff" needed to continue forging the new Air Force. He broke the sound barrier for the last time on Oct. 28, 2002, in an F-15 Eagle. It brought to an end a 60-year military flying career.

"Now is a good time [to quit]," the retired brigadier

general said. "I've had a heck of a good time, and very few people get exposed to the things I've been exposed to."

**Technological advancement**

In its first 100 years, aviation has made a quantum leap in sophistication and technology. The men who forged aviation went from riding horses to flying airplanes.

Aircraft were first built of wood, then metal and now stealthy composites. Piston engines gave way to jet power, and for the past 55 years, the Air Force has been at the forefront of space development. The Air Force grew because of the will and ingenuity of visionary airmen who "thought outside the box," before that became a popular catch phrase.

**Gen. Jimmy Doolittle**

Horner said aviation pioneers tackled hard jobs because it was what they had to do. "I think about Jimmy Doolittle, who could have been a glamour poster child, but who more often took hard jobs and got them done," Horner said.

Today's pioneers continue to shape military aviation and face challenges. The Afghanistan campaign and the war on terrorism attest to that. Air Force attacks on the Taliban and al Qaeda targets are a study in precision strategic bombing. The aircraft used are leading-edge bombers, tankers,

fighters, and cargo and troop carriers. Smart bombs fly to their targets on courses plotted by space-based guidance systems.

If the Wright brothers could only see what they started ...



Wright brothers



The Air Force Band of the Golden West will perform at the Military Tattoo honoring Travis personnel.

The Tattoo will include aerial display of vintage aircraft



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# Military **Tattoo** honors "America's First Choice"

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Travis Air Force Base is hosting a special performance featuring live music, timed flyovers, historical narration, actors and dancers starting at 6:55 p.m. April 19 on the flight line. The event, called America's First Choice Tattoo, pays tribute to the men and women of Travis AFB. It is open to base personnel, family members and Department of Defense identification card holders.

The U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West will perform gathering music starting around 6 p.m. The Tattoo will run until about 8 p.m. The guest narrator is actor James Avery, who played uncle Phil Banks on the television series, "The Fresh Prince of Bel Aire."

"Rooted in centuries of military tradition, the Tattoo has become a way for us to celebrate our Air Force heritage. This year's Tattoo provides a fantastic opportunity for the Travis AFB community to pay tribute to those who have gone before us and thank those dedicated warriors executing the mission today," said Maj. Thomas Murphy, wing Tattoo project officer.

"The America's First Choice Tattoo briefly traces the history of Tattoo ceremonies, then follows Army Air Corps and air power history through 1947," said Maj. Douglas Monroe, U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West commander. "The remaining portion of the show details chronologically some major contributions of Travis AFB



to national defense, from the inception of the Air Force to the present. It ends by looking at future possibilities of Travis in relation to our Air and Space Force."

The Travis military Tattoo will be held on the flight line on the painted "red carpet," adjacent to Base Operations and the air traffic control tower. Audience members may park in designated parking areas and shuttle busses will run regularly to bring people to the performance area.

"The USAF Band of the Golden West produced the America's First Choice Tattoo to celebrate the contributions of Travis AFB to national defense," Monroe said. "The band wrote the script and selected or wrote special music to serve as background for the script. During the actual performance, the band will play this background music to the script, play special-featured pieces and serve as the focal point for the 'on-ground' production."

The performance will also feature timed flyovers by a P-51 Mustang, B-25 bomber, C-46 airlift aircraft and various current U.S. Air Force aircraft. It will conclude with a formal retreat and finale called "Bridges into Space."

"Travis Team members and their families should not miss this unique chance to just sit back, relax and enjoy top-notch music performed by the U.S. Air Force Band of the Golden West and flybys by numerous vintage and current U.S. Air Force aircraft. I'm sure everyone in attendance will feel a strong sense of pride as we honor past heroes of Travis and Travis' current and past contributions to national defense," Murphy said.

## History of the Military Tattoo

The tradition of the military Tattoo traces its origins almost 300 years ago to the British Army of King William III. While serving in the Netherlands, King William's troops were housed in the towns and villages around the battlefields and, according to legend, they went to local inns to spend their evenings.

Drummers marching through the streets signaled to the soldiers it was time to leave the pubs and reminded Dutch innkeepers to stop selling beer.

In the language of the era, people would have heard them say, "Doe den tap toe," which means, "Turn off the taps." But the troops learned only the last two words "tap toe" and like many military members through the ages ... took the term into their own lingo and it eventually became "Tattoo."

The drums were eventually joined by flutes and other musical instruments as the custom evolved. Today, full bands play for the entire unit and the tradition of the military Tattoo lives on.